## TELLS OF FRAUDS

## Government Plays Its Trump Card in Heike Case.

### MANY DEVICES FOR CHEATING.

Man Pardoned by President Says Bag of Lead Was First Used to Manipulate Scales and Two Kinds of Springs Later-Revelations Produce Big Sensation.

New York, May 24 .- Oliver Spitzer, a man whose conscience hurt him, came back to New York like a specter from the grave and, with a pardon from the president in his pocket, gave testimony at the trial of Charles R. Helke, secretary-treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, who, with five subordinates, is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in underweights of sugar im-

Spitzer, as superintendent of the company's Williamsburg (Brooklyn) docks, got two years in the Atlanta penitentiary for his participation in the frauds, but he was quickly pardoned by the president last Thursday, after serving only three months and having made full confession, from now on will aid the government in it. attempt to convict his former associ ates.

Spitzer's story on the stand did not directly connect Helke with the frauds, but his confession resulted in one new arrest. James O. Braschackl, formerly an employee of the treasury department and now a private detectwith perjury. Spliger confessed that he attempted to bribe Brzezinski to heaped on the Washington committee conceal the frauds and the latter is in the churches for barring the negro alleged to have denied this before a federal grand jury. This apparent from the mammoth parade last week. provision that not more than one of conflict caused Brzezinskl's arrest.

Bag of Lead First Device. Spitzer went back to the years 1894 and 1895, when, he said, an investigation he made developed the fact that weights on raw sugar by placing small nounced the drawing of the color line. bags of lead on the beams of the scales, causing the recorded weights to drop below the actual, often as much as forty pounds on each draft.

In addition, Spitzer said it was also the practice to stuff paper underneath the floors of the scales for the same purpose. He said that when Deputy Surveyor of Customs Vail took office these devices were abandoned and the use of the steel corset spring was begun and continued.

Spitzer demonstrated in court the use of the bags of lead. He walked over to the sample scale, which is one of the government's exhibits in the case, and indicated on the beam the wire spring, which superceded the bag Hutton, and Jessie Broe of Lake By- gress "certain information." of lead, Spitzer said that two styles of springs were used, a heavy one first and then a spring considerably lighter on weight.

New Development. Spitzer's testimony regarding the weight-lessening device of the newspapers underneath the scale was a new development. Heike listened to Spitzer's testimony with tense interest. Spitzer talked freely about the frauds, by which the government was robbed of millions of dollars. He said the use of the steel springs was stopped after the sugar trust had paid the rebate to the government as a result of the federal court's decision.

In reply to an interrogation of the prosecution if he had ever reported the weighing frauds to anyone, Spitser replied he had informed a man named Leroy, who worked in the Wall street office of the sugar trust.

Spitzer told of conversations he had with former Cashler James F. Bendernagel and ex-Superintendent Frank W. Gerbracht, two of the defendants. The witness said when he wanted to raise any of the checkers' wages he was obliged to put the matter before Bendernagel and Gerbracht. The government weighers were favorites over those of the city weighers in the matter of wages. He said every effort possible was made to conceal this from the other workers on the dock.

Frauds Stopped by Telephone. Spitzer said that in the fall of 1906 he received a telephone message which caused a letting up in the frauds. He said he did not know who sent the message, which warned him to be careful of the wire springs as the gov-

ernment was watching the docks. Spitzer said that following the raid in November, 1907, by the government he was informed by Gerbracht that the weighers and himself would be taken care of.

"When the six weighers were discharged, what happened?"

"I paid them the same wages every week at my home," replied Spitzer, who said the money was given him each week by Gerbracht, who left it in a package at his garage.

Spitzer said he knew Secretary Helke, but did not connect him in any way with knowledge of the false weighing.

Forty Rescued by New York Firemen. steers, \$3.50@7.00; Texas steers, \$3.00 New York, May 24.-There were @6.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@ ensational rescues by firemen in a 6.25; calves, \$4.00@7.50; bulls and blazing tenement on East Seventieth stags, \$4.00@6.25. Hogs-Receipts, 4,street. Mrs. Mary Miller died in a Greman's arms from the effects of \$9.40@9.45; light, \$9.40@9.50; pigs, smoke inhalation. Meanwhile tenants \$8.00@9.00; bulk of sales, \$9.40@ were being carried down ladders and 9.47%. Sheep-Receipts, 6,000; 15@ dropped into lifenets. Fully forty 25c lower; yearlings, \$7.00@7.50; wethpersons were taken in this way from ers, \$5.25@6.50; ewes, \$5.00@6.00; the burning structure.

#### RICHARD PARR.

One of the **Principal Witnesses** In Trial of C. R. Heike.



#### DISCUSSES COLOR LINE

Negro Delegates Excluded From Bible

Class Parade at Washington. Washington, May 24.-Discussion is some of the British delegates publicly delegates of the District of Columbia

sermons were made by white men, and in addition to the English speakers, two American delegates-W. N. Hartshorn of Boston and Louis Stroiber of checkers were affecting the Plymouth church, Brooklyn-de-

The Rev. John L. Dube, a Zulu delegate, got up at one of the meetings and declared he has been admitted to hotels in London and New York, but not so in Washington. The shole incident has stirred up various feelings, and it is not improbable that the question may be carried into the conven-

#### THREE GIRLS DROWNED

Boat Is Overturned in Lake Byron, Near Huron, S. D.

Huron, S. D., May 24 .- While boat- ing such appropriation. ing on Lake Byron, twenty miles to change seats when the boat turned will come within the house rules. turtle and the occupants were drowned in ten feet of water.

Favor Postal Savings Bank.

Clinton, Mass., May 24.-Resolutions favoring postal savings banks were passed by delegates representing 8,000 members of the New England division of the National German American alliance at the annual convention here.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\* THE MARKETS

E-----Chicago, May 23 .- More than a million bushels of wheat were thrown into the pit at the first tap of the gong today. Such tactics repeated throughout the session and following a break Saturday, demoralized the market. One of the largest houses here, said to be heavily short in the May, led in the selling. Foreigners assisted in pounding down prices. May wheat was 4c off at one time, but closed with a net loss of 214c. New crop futures finished 1@11%c to 114c.down. Final figures on corn were unchanged to 1/3c higher, oats %c lower and provisions lower also by 5@714c. Closing prices:

Wheat-May, \$1.08; July, 99%c; Sept., 981/c. Corn-May, 58%c; July, 60%c. Oats-May, 401/2c; July, 385/2c. Pork-May, \$22.75; July, \$22.80. Lard-May, \$12.95; July, \$12.60.

Ribs-May, \$12.971/4; July, \$12.521/4. Omaha Cash Prices.

Omaha, May 23.-Wheat-1@2c lowhard, 97c@\$1.00. Corn-12@1c lower; of late years. No. 2 white, 5814c; No. 3 white, 5814 @581/c; No. 2 yellow, 561/4@561/c; No. 3 yellow, 56@564c; No. 2, 554@56c; No. 3, 5514@55%c. Oats-Steady to %c lower; No. 3 white, 3714@37%c; No. 3 yellow, 37@3716c; No. 3 mixed, 3614@ 3714c.

South Omaha Live Stock. South Omaha, May 23 .- Cattle-Receipts, 3,300; best steady, others lower; native steers, \$6.00@8.00; cows and heifers, \$3.50@6.75; western 300; strong; heavy, \$9.30@9.45; mixed. 'ambs. \$7.00@8.50.

## FOR GREATER NAVY

Passes Naval Supply Bill Carrying \$134,000,000.

#### TWO BATTLESHIPS TO BE BUILT.

Will Be of Dreadnought Type and Cost Twelve Millions Each-Submarine Squadron is Approved-House Provision for Eight-Hour Law Is Retained in Senate Measure.

Washington, May 24 .- Voting down, 26 to 39, an amendment offered by Burton to authorize only one new battleship instead of two, the senate passed the naval appropriation bill. The bill carries an appropriation of almost \$134,000,000. It was before the senate for two days, the debate being confined almost exclusively to the battleship question.

Two important amendments were adopted. One of them, offered by Senator Johnston, appropriates \$450,000 for the purchase of torpedo boats "whose vitals are below the normal load line," the other, by Senator Jones, eliminating railroad, county and municipal bonds from the securities which may be deposited by contractors.

The naval increase for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, provided by the bill, is as follows: Two first class battleships, to cost not exceeding \$6,000,000 each and when equipped with armor and armament about \$12,-500,000 each; two fleet colliers, to cost not exceeding \$1,000,000 each; five submarine torpedo boats, not exceedhot in the world's sixth Sunday school ing a total of \$2,500,000; six torpedo Ive, was locked in the Tombs, charged | convention over the criticism which | boat destroyers, cost not exceeding \$750,000 each.

The house bill provided for only four submarine and no torpedo boat destroyers. The senate also added a With two exceptions the criticising the battleships should be built by the same company. The provision inserted in the house requiring that the battleships and fleet colliers should be built under the "eight-hour law" was retained by the senate.

### NO FUNDS FOR TARIFF BOARD

Appropriation for Its Expenses Stricken Out on Point of Order.

Washington, May 24.-After extended debate, the proposed \$250,000 appropriation to defray the expenses of the tariff board, recommended by President Taft, was stricken from the navy, one of the famous hero captains sundry civil appropriation bill in the house. Mann of Illinois, who was in the chair, sustained a point of order, tery. made by Fitzgerald of New York, who contended there was no law authoriz-

Tawney then proposed an amend north of this city, in a small metal ment appropriating \$250,000 for prac- failed to yield to the three leading place where the bag was suspended. boat, Lydia and Leila Bonesteel, tically the same purpose, providing a Testifying regarding the use of the daughters of Charles H. Bonesteel of fund so the president could give con-

forty yards from shore and attempted iff board, it is hoped the amendment

#### MRS. DOXEY ON TRIAL

Charged With Murdering William J. Erder at St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 24.—Sympathy for women on the part of talesmen was responsible for some delay in the selection of a jury for Mrs. Dora E. Doxey, whose trial for the alleged poisoning of William J. Erder, a postal clerk, began in Judge Hugo Grimm's

Mrs. Doxey and her husband, Dr. Loren B. Doxey, are under indictment on the charge of causing the death of Erder, who, it is alleged, Mrs. Doxey in Chicago adopted a resolution incormarried while the wife of the doctor.

Erder died in convulsions July 10, 1909, and shortly after it is charged that Mrs. Doxey sent Erder's furniture to the home of Doxey in Columbus, Neb., and collected Erder's life insur-

Twenty-two members of the panel of forty-seven, from which the jury will be chosen, have been accepted by both the state and the defense.

#### ALBERT J. SNELL FOUND DEAD

Son of Murdered Millionaire Dies in a Rooming House in Chicago.

Chicago, May 24 .- Albert J. Snell, son of the millionaire, Amos J. Snell, whose murder here in 1888 created a widespread sensation, was found dead in bed at a rooming house here.

He was fifty years old. He inherited a fortune from his father and is said to have set a pace while the money er; No. 2 hard, \$1.00@1.011/2; No. 3 lasted. He drifted steadily downward

#### MORE RATES ARE ADVANCED

Sharp Increases on Sugar and Coffee Are Announced.

Washington, May 24.-A sharp increase in rail and sea freight rates on sugar and coffee from Atlantic seaboard points to destinations in the western trunk line territory was announced by the filing of tariffs with the interstate commerce commission, making increase on those commodities ranging from 16 per cent to 44 per

Snowstorm in New Mexico. Albuquerque. N. M., May 24.-Northeastern New Mexico is in the grip of a heavy snowstorm. The storm, evidently a continuation of the one that swept southeastern Colorado, is centered at Folsom. It is feared great loss of live stock will result.

#### CONDENSED NEWS

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\*\*\*\*\*\* Hans Richter, one of the greatest of Wagnerian conductors, is seriously ill

Five men were killed by an explosion in the Hamilton powde. works, four miles from Nanaimo, B. C.

Receivers were appointed for the Waukesha, (Wis.) Canning company. Assets, \$903,180; Habilitles, \$576,862.

John A. Hall, former treasurer of the Southbridge Savings bank at Worcester, Mass., pleaded guilty to larceny of \$104,000.

Yle Chaim Yong, the Korean who stabbed Premier Yi in an attempt at assassination on Dec. 22 last, was tentenced to death. John Augustine Nicols, fifty-one

years old, commodore in the United States navy and a native of Boston, died at Richmond, Va. Increase in wages of employees of the Standard Oil company, dating

from May 1, will add \$6,000,000 to

\$10,000,000 to the company's payroll Dick Beatt, indicted with others of the Mabray gang, was captured at Enid, Okla., by government officers. He will be taken to Council Bluffs

for trial. The executive board of the National Women's Trade Union League of America is in executive session in St. Louis, with Mrs. Raymond Robins of Chicago presiding.

Dr. F. C. Blessing, president of the common council of Pittsburg, was convicted on charges of conspiracy and bribery. The verdict asks the extreme leniency of the court.

Three packages of money, containing \$32,024, were stolen from the Pennsylvania depot at Oil City, Pa. The money was being shipped by the Adams Express company.

Removal of the tariff from the domain of partisan politics was urged by Representative Henry S. Boutell in a speech delivered at a luncheon given by the Bankers' club of Detroit.

The success of Secretary Knox's plan of mediation in the dispute between Peru and Ecuador is assured, Ecuador having notified the state department of its acceptance of the offer.

Mr. Roosevelt in London is enjoying the quietest days thus far of his European tour and is getting something like a real rest. His throat, however, still bothers him and his voice is husky.

The ashes of Bowman H. McCalla, rear admiral in the United States of the Spanish-American war, were interred in the Arlington national ceme-

Negotiations between the United Mine Workers and operators of Illinois will undobtedly be broken off and a strike declared. Both sides have

The 72,000 miners in Illinois will remain idle for an indefinite period, following the disagreement of the special committee of miners and operators, by which all negotiations are declared off.

Important discoveries have been made in Johannesburg with regard to the manufacture of cyanide, which is so largely used in mining operations. The discovery will do away with cyanide importations.

Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, leader of the rough riders during the Spanish war, is slated as commander in chief of the national encampment of the Spanish, War Veterans, to be held in Denver, Sept. 6, 7 and 8.

After denying the women delegates the right to have a woman chairman of the meeting the socialist congress porating woman suffrage as part of the platform of socialism.

The body of S. C. Baker, clerk of the City of Saltillo and hero of the catastrophe which cost twelve lives a week ago, was recovered at Genevieve, Mo., three miles below Glen Park. Seven bodies are still missing.

After an unsuccessful attempt to loot the People's National bank at Wapanucka, Okla., four robbers engaged in a running fight with a posse of citizens, wounding one of their pursuers, and escaped on a handcar.

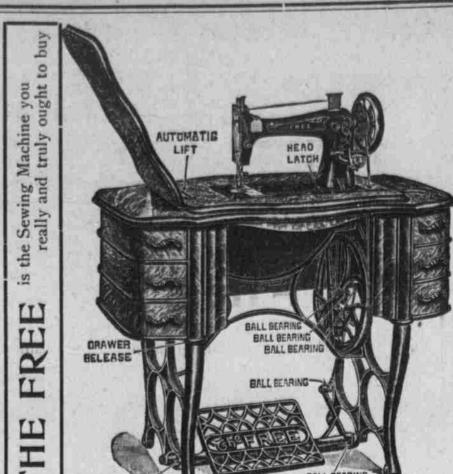
Harry P. Flanery, former president of the San Francisco police commission, charged with grand larceny in connection with the Sausalito fake pool room disclosures, was acquitten

after the jury had taken two ballots. Five thousand persons saw Oscar Leroy, an aeronaut with a circus, fall 2,000 feet through the air at Elwood, Pa., and escape with his life, his only injury being a broken leg. His parachute refused to open until the aeronaut had almost reached the ground.

Conductor Charles Thompson and Motorman J. E. Babbett were killed and their bodies cremated by 33,000 volts of electricity when a northbound Peoria sleeper on the Illinois traction system collided with a southbound electric freight train near Lovelace, Ill.

By the will of Isaac C. Wyman of Salem, Mass., the bulk of his estate, which is estimated at nearly \$10,000,-000, is left to the graduate school of Princeton university "as a memorial of Mr. Wyman's lasting affection," as the will phrases it, for his alma mater.

Because \$11,000 mysteriously disappeared from an army safe at Fort Gibbon, Alaska, coincident with the disappearance of a private soldier, who has not yet been apprehended, Colonei court-martial. The charge will be lack of precaution in guarding the money Phone 139.



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